

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL DIGEST

Vol. 1, Issue No. 2

January 31, 1958

25 Cents

Summer Baseball Plan Eased



CRITICISM has been made of the diagram at the head of this column. Three bases are out of place. We only coach at second. It will be changed in the next issue.

DON'T WORRY and fret, coach, about how stupid and dumb your college baseball players appear to be. You acted like that once and look how well you turned out.



AFTER Jerry Robinson of Arizona signed a \$50,000 bonus contract with

the San Francisco Giants, he long distanced his coach, Frank Sancet. After explaining the terms, he said, "Are you mad at me, Coach?" Sancet replied, "Hell no, I'm envious."

PROFESSIONAL Baseball (it objects to being called Organized Baseball since Washington took a few bites at them) seem to think that the tax-payers should provide new plants, parking facilities, etc. One huge head has remarked: "They do it for the schools and colleges, don't they?"

As the house fly said when he walked across the mirror: "That's another way of looking at it."

BASEBALL COACHES claim a wild left-handed pitcher is preferable to football coaches ulcers. Many college football coaches are still "hipped" on the double platoon. No one has suggested a double platoon for baseball—nine hitters and nine fielders. We hope no one will.

NEW AND GOOD baseball stories are as rare as radium. Here is one told at Philadelphia. A rook was showing how third base should NOT be played. He kicked and muffed the ball; threw wild and to the wrong base. The manager wanted the kid to get experience. He left the boy in the game for 8 innings inasmuch as the manager's team had a comfortable margin. In the 9th inning the manager decided to take over, as his club sported a 1 run lead. The first 2 opponents got on through the manager's misplays. The third batter bunted to the manager who overthrew second base, the ball rolling between the fielders, two runs scoring. The manager ran to the bench, grabbed the rook, and said, "You screwed up the position so that nobody can play it."

THE DIGEST offers a subscription for a newer and better tale we can print. Eliminate those with whiskers.

THE TWELFTH annual College World Series will start at Omaha (Continued on Page 4)

L.C. "CAP" TIMM

IOWA STATE BASEBALL COACH AND THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE AACBC



... CAP IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP BASEBALL MINDS, AND FORMER PLAYERS WHO HAVE TURNED PROFESSIONAL HAVE TOLD MEMBERS OF THE CYCLONES THAT THEY LEARNED MORE FROM CAP THAN THEY DID IN PRO BALL ...

Timm Directs AACBC In '58

L. C. (Capp) Timm, Iowa State College's veteran baseball coach, will head the American Association of College Baseball Coaches in 1959.

Timm was elected at the annual convention of the AACBC at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia.

OTHER officers elected were Raoul Dedeaux, University of Southern California, first vice-president; J. O. Christian, University of Connecticut, second vice-president; Walter Rabb, University of North Carolina, third vice-president; J. Kyle Anderson, University of Chicago, secretary Treasurer and Abe Chanin, Collegiate Baseball Digest, publicity chairman.

The convention heard a strong pitch for support of President Eisenhower's crusade for physical fitness in a banquet speech by Jim Fish, vice-president for advertising of General Mills.

Fish announced that General Mills will sponsor the promotion of the 1958 All-America collegiate baseball team. He traced the support of Wheaties—the Breakfast of Champions—of sports programs and announced that pole-vaulter star Bob Richards will direct the company's own crusade for fitness.

At the banquet—emceed by Tommy Richardson, president of the Eastern League—George Wolfman of California was presented the beautiful Hanna Coach-of-the-Year plaque.

THE ANNUAL photo award went to Frank P. Montoe of the (Continued on Page 5)



CAP BUILT THE CYCLONES INTO A BASEBALL POWER THAT WON THE BIG SEVEN TITLE, 5th DISTRICT PLAYOFF, AND FINISHED 3rd IN THE NCAA LAST SEASON

A Drink Of Milk For Your Tired Baseballs!

A drink of milk for your tired baseballs?

Art (Dyne) Mansfield, University of Wisconsin baseball coach, says that's an excellent idea.

As head of the research committee for the American Association of College Baseball Coaches, Mansfield has experimented with "whitening" dirty baseballs by rubbing canned evaporated milk on them.

Mansfield told the AACBC convention in Philadelphia that such technique is excellent, especially if the baseballs are dirtied from use in dirt-floored field houses.

1959 Convention

The 1959 national convention of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches will be held Jan. 4-6 in Cincinnati. Originally the convention was to be held in Chicago, but a conflict in accommodations forced the shift.

Don't Strike Out!

If you're not a member of our growing family of subscribers...

Fill out the handy blank on Page Three and get in the On-Deck Circle for the next 10 issues of collegiate baseball's bright new paper.

Collegiate and high school coaches, players and fans, pro clubs and their scouts... they're all avid readers of the COLLEGIATE BASEBALL DIGEST.

Inside The Digest

	Page
The Danny Litwhiller Story.....	2
Notre Dame Plays It Tough On The Gridiron, Too.....	2
The Day They Played the First College Baseball Game.....	3
The Coaching Box.....	4
Convention Photo Highlights.....	5
Ford Frick Anxious For Settlement Of Pro-College Problems.....	6
Florida School Issues Challenge.....	7

Minimum Work Week Of 32 Hours Planned

Collegiate baseball players participating in summer leagues this year will be governed for the first time by regulations approved by the American Association of College Baseball Coaches and passed by the NCAA.

The new regulations, shortly to be announced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, were modified from an original plan.

SUGGESTIONS MADE by the AACBC to the NCAA Council call for players to work a 32-hour minimum week to be paid at the 'going rate'.

Many summer leagues—hotel and resort leagues in the main—have paid college players to participate and to work at jobs when not playing baseball.

The original summer baseball plan called for players to work a minimum of 36 hours per week and be paid a maximum of \$325 per month.

Because of the variance in leagues and the summer jobs granted players, collegiate coaches believe the rule too stringent. Instead they asked the NCAA to adopt a minimum 32-hour work week for players who play in leagues away from their home.

Instead of any set salary figure the AACBC suggested that players 'must do useful work' and be paid at the 'going rate' for the local area of the league.

Another suggested provision for the new summer baseball rule includes a statement which allows players to draw travel expenses from their home to the city in which they play and also for their return trip home.

PLAYERS PARTICIPATING in league playoffs would be forbidden to draw any bonus payments. They also would be banned from competing in a baseball tournament in which a cash prize is given.

The original summer baseball rule called for a restriction on the number of games a collegiate player could participate in. In the modified rule sent to the NCAA it has been suggested that there be no restriction on the number of games played on weekend. However, players would be limited to participate in four games a week.

Under the proposed ruling the AACBC would supply information about the summer leagues to the NCAA so that league officials can be told about the conditions under which collegiate players can participate.

It is also expected that the summer plan will allow for reasonable traveling expenses to be paid players when they travel to another town during league play.

PREVIOUS to the action taken at Philadelphia, there had been no specific NCAA regulation pointed at participation in summer baseball.

A study of summer baseball participation by collegiate players resulted in meetings between NCAA and AACBC officials. A tentative rule was drawn and submitted both to the collegiate baseball coaches and the NCAA. Collegiate coaches modified the original plan and it is expected that the NCAA will follow the recommendations.

Danny Litwhiler's Story:

His Coach Inspired Him to Coach Youth

Ex-Major Leaguer Rates College Ball Equal To Class D Professional Game

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Danny Litwhiler, author of this exclusive article for the COLLEGIATE BASEBALL DIGEST, is one of college baseball's most successful coaches. In three years at Florida State University his teams have compiled a brilliant 63-20 record, won two berths in the NCAA regionals and last year marched into the College World Series.

(Litwhiler had an outstanding major league career with the Cardinals, Phils, Braves and Cincinnati. He retired as an active player in 1950 at the age of 33, but not before writing impressive records such as 187 straight games without an error; hitting safely in 21 straight games as a rookie; hitting a home run in every NL park in 1941.)

By DANNY LITWHILER
Florida State University

They've asked me many times why, when I ended my major league career, I turned to coaching college baseball.

At the risk of sounding corny, I have to say I was inspired to move into the field of collegiate coaching.

The inspiration came from Dr. E. H. Nelson, the man who started me on my baseball career. He was my baseball coach at Bloomsburg State Teachers College in Pennsylvania and his faith in me started and guided me through my entire career.

I've never forgotten his lessons and my hope has been that I could perpetuate his teachings.

AFTER THREE full seasons of college coaching, I know that this is what I wanted most after major league baseball.

I've often been asked what the main difference is in the playing of college and pro baseball. This is the difference I see:

In pro baseball your bread and butter depends on a good average, games won and perhaps a show of guts. It is a dog-eat-dog situation.

College baseball is played to win, but there are very few college coaches who would want to win because of dirty play or injury to an opponent.

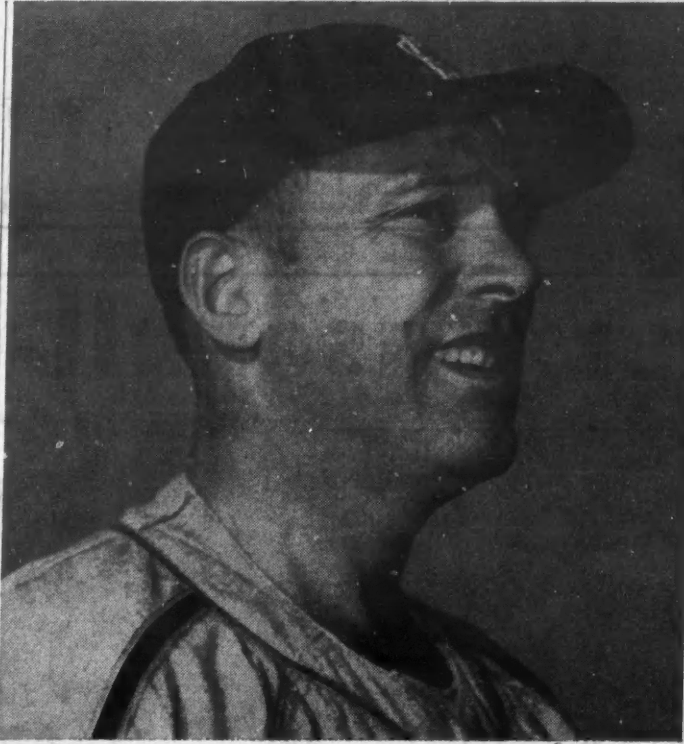
You see very little rough play at second in college baseball and balls thrown at the batter are rare. I'll admit you do see some neat attempts to break up the double play and some "set-up" pitches do come close.

But in pro baseball it's dog-eat-dog!

Aside from this particular difference college baseball is played practically the same as it is on the pro field. I have seen games that would equal major league play in regard to thrill, surprise and speed. Diving catches to save games, home runs to win games, double plays to stop rallies and pitching duels . . . all these and many more have given me the satisfaction of knowing college baseball can be interesting and good.

HOW GOOD is college baseball? They always ask that of an ex-major leaguer.

Well, I have seen some college teams that could win in a good Class D or C league. I have seen



DANNY LITWHILER . . . from fabulous pro playing career to successful collegiate coach.

some that could not, but on the whole I would rate college ball about Class D caliber.

One thing to remember in judging college baseball is that a college team starts the season with the same team it finishes with. A pro team can have enough players coming and going to have two or three clubs in one season. They weed out the players they don't need or want and in this manner

have a chance to develop a fair club.

Colleges take three or more years to get that ball club. But give me that club and I will challenge any major league club to a single game. On a given day a good college team with a hot pitcher can give any major league team a battle. I recall Holy Cross beating the Braves about 1947. I recall a weak class D team beating the Braves the same year. I would be happy to have a team termed as a strong Class D team.

The biggest gripe a player makes when he is asked to sign pro is over assignment to a Class B, C or D club. Actually this is where he should go so he can have a good year and gain confidence. Confidence can go a long way in moving a player up the ladder.

Perhaps we college coaches are selling our game too high for the average player.

IF WE ALL assume we are not better than the D classification, perhaps it would help the player decide to work his way up in pro ball instead of failing as a rookie in Class A.

Very often I've been asked if college baseball turns out good pro prospects.

Well, I can safely say that college baseball has much to offer in preparation for major league baseball. Facilities are in many cases equal to, or even better than major league facilities.

Our equipment is the best and every school has a trainer. This isn't so in minor league ball. Most teams in D, C and B classes have no trainer. And this can mean a lot to the proper development of

an arm and the treatment of injuries.

Then, too, the majority of college coaches are interested in the individual and his development for future play, rather than for what he does today.

If a player in pro ball goes sour, the general manager gets on the phone and has a new player in to replace him within a day or two. But that same player in college would receive individual attention to develop him. The coach won't give up on him.

I HONESTLY believe, too, the college coach does more teaching of the fundamentals because that is his stock in trade. The pro manager does more managing or manipulating on the field the day of the game and less work on fundamentals.

Actually a player will develop faster by playing a long schedule such as pro ball has to offer, but there is plenty of time for this after graduation.

The player's college fundamentals of baseball, social contact, discipline and initiative go a long way toward keeping him in the majors, if not helping him get there.

I've always believed that there are certain personality traits that make or break the boy with ability. These personality traits can be developed easier in college than in pro ball.

I like to list these traits as: 1)—Social contact; 2)—Self-discipline; and 3)—Initiative.

If these personality traits are not highly developed then the chance of becoming a major league player isn't good even if the player has exceptional ability. Science has shown us that what we call the physical, the emotional, and the mental aspects of life are in reality just phases of an over-all personality.

I STILL consider myself a "rookie" among college baseball coaches. I have some suggestions I would like to pass on to a new baseball coach as I was just a few years ago. But not being an old hand at college coaching, I stand corrected in advance by the able old pros of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

These are some of the suggestions I have for new collegiate baseball coaches:

1)—School and an education come first. Keep impressing the players with this thought.

2)—If you can avoid it, stay away from the poor student when recruiting. It isn't always true, but these students usually cause the coach many headaches in trying to keep them up in their studies. Just when you have them ready to play good ball for you, they are ineligible due to scholastic difficulties.

3)—Try to stick with your ideas on equipment—and get the best. I like home and road uniforms, although most schools go with all grey. The second-best shoe is fine; however, this year for a few of my speed merchants I am getting feather-weights.

4)—Stay within your budget, but always spend every penny and "cry" as though you could use a little more. You are new now and it will be easier for you to get what you want than it will be a few years from now.

5)—Stick with the simplest fundamentals. Never take it for granted that your boys know something because often they won't. Players will say that they understand rather than admit they don't. We have won many games on the simple fundamentals of sliding, bunting, covering, and backing-up bases.

6)—Join the American Association of Baseball Coaches, and try to make all the meetings. These fellows who have been in the game for many years can really teach you something new at every meeting. Many have helped me a great deal. You, in turn, can help them.

7)—Play Florida State University when you have an opening on your schedule.

Fighting Irish of Notre Dame Play It Tough On Baseball Diamond, Too

ND, Famed For Football, Has Sent 48 Players Into Major Leagues

Notre Dame plays it tough on the gridiron.

But that's nothing new—the Fighting Irish are synonymous with great collegiate football.

Every good sports fan recalls Knute Rockne, Johnny Lujak, William Shakespeare, the great Four Horsemen, Leon Hart and hundreds of other great Notre Dame football stars.

Yet on the baseball field Notre Dame has distinguished itself as well. The South Bend school has sent 48 baseball players to the major leagues.

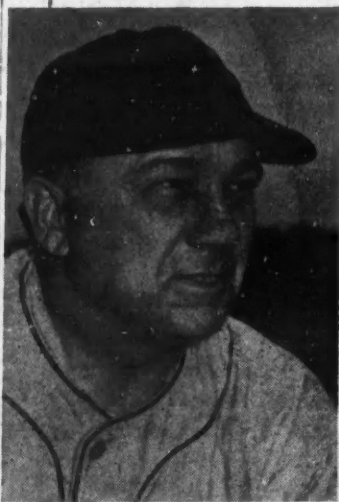
ON NOTRE DAME'S baseball honor roll are such great names as Cap Anson, first baseman with the Chicago Cubs; Roger Bresnahan, New York Giants' catcher; Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International League who played with the Washington Senators; Ed Ruelbach, the Chicago Cubs' pitcher; Cy Williams, Philles' outfielder; Mike Powers, Athletics' catcher; Billy Sullivan, who caught for the White Sox, Tigers and Dodgers.

More recently Jack Mayo, who was an outfielder for the Phillies' 1950 pennant winners, was a Notre Dame product and Shortstop Tom Carroll and Pitcher Jim Brady, both Irish baseballers, have spent the last two seasons as bonus babies with the Yankees and Tigers, respectively. Carroll and Brady still attend Notre Dame in the off-season.

Johnny McHale, the general manager of the Detroit Tigers, who played briefly with the Tigers, is still another ex-Notre Damer.

ODDLY ENOUGH the man who guides Notre Dame's baseball once turned down an attractive major league offer.

Clarence J. (Jake) Kline, who begins his 25th year as Notre Dame baseball coach this spring, played his collegiate baseball at South Bend. When Jake entered Notre Dame in 1912 a fellow



JAKE KLINE
Guides The Irish

named Rockne was then a junior.

After graduation Kline received an offer from the Pittsburgh Pirates. But Jake turned down the offer to serve overseas with the infantry.

After World War I Kline played and managed in pro leagues in Minnesota, California and Utah. He was president of the Indiana-Michigan semi-pro league eight years ago.

In 1931 he became professor of mathematics and freshman baseball coach. Three years later Jake was named head baseball coach. He continued as professor of mathematics, too, and the combination has proved to be successful.

IN THE PAST 24 seasons

Coach Kline's teams have posted a record of 269 victories, 193 defeats and 3 ties. Last summer he piloted his Irish into the College World Series and they took fourth place in the national championship tournament. Two other years his teams have won berths in the tournament out of the strong fourth NCAA District.

If Jake goes for power baseball, it's understandable. In his collegiate days he never hit less than .300 for his three seasons as varsity third baseman. He captained the 1917 ND team.

The high point of Kline's collegiate career came in 1916 when he smashed three home runs against Michigan to lead the Irish to a 14-6 victory. A fourth drive off Kline's bat was foul by inches.

Jake, who replaced the late George F. Keogan as Notre Dame baseball coach, is a native of Williamsport, Pa. He is married to the former Edith Mae Sunderland and they have five children.

Schedule Set For CSU Nine

FT. COLLINS, Colo.—Colorado State University, pushing to move up in the Skyline Conference Eastern Division, will play an ambitious schedule this spring.

The Colorado nine, coached by Irvine J. Ferguson, will travel into the southwest for games with strong Arizona teams before diving into conference play.

Ferguson's baseballers will play two games against Arizona State College at Tempe March 17 and then move to Tucson to face the powerful Wildcats of the University of Arizona the following day.

COLORADO STATE has returning catchers Reggie Ponsford and Francis Heckendorf plus an outstanding sophomore in Roger Folda. In pitching fast-balling Bob Trumper (24 in 1957 with a 3.98 ERA), Dick Neswold (1-3) and Bill Glade (2-3) form the nucleus.

Other key performers are Second Baseman Ed Frease, a .298 hitter and fine glove man; Shortstop Dick Orcutt; and home-run hitting outfielder Rich Smith (.289).

Coach Ferguson, beginning his third season at Colorado State University, was a star performer for the school as an undergraduate and as he puts it himself, he had "a cup of coffee" with the Cincinnati Redlegs.

The CSU schedule for 1958:

March 17—Arizona State Tempe
March 18-19—Arizona University Tucson
March 21-22—New Mexico U. Albuquerque
March 28-29—Lowry A.F.B. Fort Collins
April 4—Colorado Mines Fort Collins
April 5—U.S.A.F. Academy Fort Collins
April 11-12—Colorado State College Greeley
April 18-19—Denver University Fort Collins
April 25-26—Wyoming University Fort Collins
April 30—New Mexico U. Fort Collins
May 1—New Mexico U. Fort Collins
May 3—Denver University Denver
May 5—Denver University Denver
May 10—U.S.A.F. Academy Denver
May 16-17—Wyoming University Laramie

*DOUBLEHEADER

Amherst 73, Williams 32!

When They Played the First Game

It was 99 years ago that they played the first game of inter-collegiate baseball, but don't be sure you would recognize it if the game was re-played today. It took place on July 1, 1859 and when they closed out the game Amherst had scored a 73 to 32 victory over Williams.

THE GAME, something more akin to cricket than baseball, came as the result of a challenge by Amherst students.

Now plans are being made by Amherst College officials and the school's present baseball coach, Paul Eckley, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of college baseball.

But can even the most gala celebration match that first classic contest!

The following are excerpts of the story of the first college baseball game taken from the Amherst Express:

AT THE COMMENCEMENT of this term, it was privately proposed among Amherst students to challenge Williams College to a game of ball. In the second or third week the challenge was given by the committee of the College. Notice had been privately sent to Williams of the intention, that both parties might have equal opportunity for practice. The challenge was readily accepted, and in turn Williams challenged to a game at Chess, that there might be a "trial of mind as well as muscle."

This being at once agreed upon, the agents of the two colleges met at Chester Factories on the 8th of June, to discuss and settle preliminaries. Some difficulties were found, Williams declining to play, except at Pittsfield. As the challenge provided that the match should be played "at some intermediate place," the Amherst agent thought it should be understood as fairly and equally intermediate, and insisted on this.

Several places were spoken of, but the agents separated without any positive agreement. At this time the Baseball Club of Pittsfield offered, by their President, Mr. Plunkett, their grounds for the match; and the Chess Club, by Mr. Davis, their rooms. These courteous offers decided the question of a meeting of the colleges, and were accepted with thanks.

THE FIRST of July was chosen for the game of ball, the following day for the chess. The rules of ball were, in substance, those of the Massachusetts Association recently adopted. The number of players was fixed at 13; the number of tallies on the score at 65. The rules adopted in chess were those of the New York Club.

On Thursday afternoon, the representatives of Amherst took cars by way of Palmer, and reached Pittsfield at 9 o'clock in the evening, having made a journey of 90 miles. They proceeded to the United States Hotel where they were well received, and expressed great satisfaction in their accommodations. Williams players came generally on the morning of Friday, as they had only 20 miles to overcome. They put up at the Berkshire Hotel, where we doubt not they were handsomely lodged. The chess players were most hospitably received by the Pittsfield Club and entertained during their entire stay.

BALL PLAY, in the memory of the present generation of students, is a recent thing at both colleges, originating, we understand, in each, with a match played last Autumn between the Junior and Sophomore classes: certainly it is only so old at Amherst. Neither college was represented by a regularly organized club, both sides were chosen by ballot from the students at large. We state this to correct reports to the contrary. Williams appeared in the uniform of club belts, Amherst decidedly in undress. In size and muscular development, we thought Amherst on the whole, superior, while in agility, in running and leaping, the Williams boys excelled.

By some ridiculous mistake a report was spread that the thrower from Amherst was the professional blacksmith of the place, hired for the occasion. This rumor afforded great amusement to that very fine player and his comrades. A bystander remarked that the story seemed probable, for nobody but a blacksmith could throw in such a manner for three hours and a half. Each party furnished its own ball for throwing.

The Amherst ball weighed 2½ ounces and was 6½ inches around. It was made by Mr. Henry Hebard of North Brookfield, Mass., and was really a work of art. The Williams ball, we judged to be 7 inches in circumference, and not to exceed in weight 2 ounces. It was also covered with leather of some light color, drab or buff, so as not to be easily distinguished by the batter.

A FIELD had been hired for the occasion, north of the "Town lot" and east of the Maplewood Institute; the ground lay smooth, and was well adapted to the long front-and-back play of the Massachusetts game. The weather was glorious. Either party might have taken the omen of Austerlitz from the magnificent rising of the sun of that day. It rose for Amherst.



A large and excited company of ladies and gentlemen from the place watched the whole progress of the game, and cheered the players by their presence, as well as by loud applause and the waving of signals. The beauty of Pittsfield was gathered to grace and honor the chivalry of the two colleges, if we may take our quotation from the report of another ball game.

THE VENERABLE Dr. Humphrey seemed deeply interested in the play and afterward sent his congratulations to the victors. Profs. Lincoln and Bascom of Williams College were present while the instructors at Amherst regretted their inability to attend. The young ladies of the Institute appeared with kindly signals, and were greeted with hearty and respectful cheers.

Names of the Players

AMHERST—J. F. Claflin (captain), E. W. Pierce, S. J. Storrs, F. E. Tower, M. B. Cushman, J. H. Evans, E. W. Fenn, H. D. Hyde, J. A. Leach, H. C. Roome, H. Gridley, J. L. Pratt, T. Tomson (Umpire, L. R. Smith).

WILLIAMS—H. S. Anderson (captain), G. A. Parker, H. B. Fitch, G. P. Blagden, C. E. Simmons, B. F. Hastings, A. C. Brown, A. J. Quick, S. W. Pratt, J. H.

Knox, J. E. Bush, R. E. Beecher, H. F. C. Nichols (Umpire, C. R. Taft).

REFEREE—W. E. Plunkett, esq., President of the Pittsfield Base Ball Club.

THE VICTORY was fairly acknowledged by the Williams players. Capt. Anderson presented the ball as a trophy to the winning party. The ladies, who had manifested a sympathy so active and kindly with the party which was far from home, and without friends, presented Mr. Claflin with a beautiful bouquet, a token of regard for his efforts.

Amherst certainly played the better, we think in nearly every department of the game. Indeed, so great a victory cannot be accounted for otherwise. In knocking they had the advantage of side-strikes and back-knocks—in running, Williams certainly excelled as far as speed is concerned, but lost at least eight or ten innings, by premature efforts, while the Amherst players ran only at the word of the captain.

In fielding, Williams made equally good catches; but in passing in, they threw too wildly, each where he pleased, and nothing is more injurious than bad out-play. As to throwing, we must differ (Continued on Page 4)

THE GREATEST PITCH IN BASEBALL!



Now College Baseball
Has Its Own Newspaper

12 ISSUES

(January through June)

Of National Features, Photos
and Statistics

Now You Can Follow
Your Favorite
College Nine

Subscribe NOW!

Don't Miss An Issue

Mail This Blank at Once

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND CHECK (OR MONEY ORDER)
FOR \$3.00 FOR MY 12 ISSUE SUBSCRIPTION

Fill Out and Mail to:

Collegiate Baseball Digest
P. O. Box 4567
Tucson, Arizona

My Mailing Address is:

Name:
Street Address
city zone state

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL DIGEST

Official publication of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches. Published by The Arizona Post.

Application for second class mail privileges is pending at Tucson, Ariz.

Subscription rates \$3 for 12 issues published bi-weekly—January through June.

EDITOR-PUBLISHERAbe Chanin
Mailing Address—P.O. Box 4567, Tucson, Arizona

EDITORIAL BOARD

J. F. MCKALE
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
CHAIRMAN
ETHAN ALLEN
YALE UNIVERSITY
J. KYLE ANDERSON
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
EVERETT D. BARNES
COLGATE UNIVERSITY
J. O. CHRISTIAN
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

RALPH O. COLEMAN
OREGON STATE COLLEGE
RAOUL DEDEAUX
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
JOHN H. KOBS
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
LEROY C. TIMM
IOWA STATE COLLEGE
J. A. TOMLINSON
ARKANSAS STATE COLLEGE

The Press Box:

More Major Leagues Spell Minors' Death

By ABE CHANIN

EVERETT D. BARNES has the air of an Oxford chancellor.

But bring up the subject of professional baseball and "Eppie" will batter you down with no holds barred.

"The lip service from professional baseball is wonderful," Eppie told the annual convention of the AACBC in Philadelphia and then he went on to explain that as far as working out a non-raiding agreement with college baseball "that is still lacking any conclusive evidence from the majors that they really want to do something."

The time has come, the distinguished Colgate athletic director declared, that college baseball can stand on its own two feet.

"There should be a working agreement forthcoming," Barnes said, "but this time let the majors bring forth a solution and we will consider it."



Are Majors Wrecking Minors?

IN HIS POWERFUL address Barnes aired his belief that the majors are purposely wrecking the minor leagues.

The purpose? Barnes predicts that within a few years minor leagues will be eliminated almost completely. In their place will come a third major league and then a fourth major league.

Barnes' prediction was echoed throughout the convention halls and a veteran ex-major leaguer told us that he is certain a third major league will be organized within three years and a fourth major league within five years.

"When that time comes," the ex-major leaguer said, "there will be no such thing as a minor league. Perhaps only a few rookie leagues.

"Then the majors will have to turn completely to the colleges for players. And as far as I am concerned that will be a fine thing."

Scholarships Instead of Bonuses

BARNES CAME up with an interesting suggestion that undoubtedly will get the thumb from the major league club owners.

"Last year," Barnes said, "the major leagues handed out bonuses in excess of \$6 millions.

"I would like to suggest that instead of giving out bonuses that the major league clubs give 16 men scholarships to attend the colleges of their choice.

"I am sure the suggestion will be turned down because the major leagues can't trust each other.

"And furthermore," fired the collegiate baseball leader, "they wouldn't go along with such a plan. It's too sensible!"

The Second Base Coach

(Continued from Page 1)

FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH (June). This is usually the time of hangings. Umpire Jim Tobin has been ramrodding this series for years. Why not practice on Jim?

SPORTSCASTER Jack Drees, in a recent address to the AACBC at Philadelphia, stressed the idea

of having college baseball extend through the summer. Jack handed some fine compliments to the college game and to those who coach it. However he tooted one sour note when he remarked, "Officially they (The Majors) move with caution toward college players, signing ONLY those whose chances of success are rather clear cut." Tuck in your shirt on this one, Jack.

Wake Forest represented the United States in the Pan-American Games at Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1951.

The Letterbox

Salute From Mexico

EDITOR:

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to you and the other sports-minded gentlemen that have made Collegiate Baseball Digest possible.

College baseball throughout the country will greatly benefit from the many constructive ideas that will be made public through your fine newspaper.

Buena suerte from Sonora, Mexico.

MIKE DE LA FUENTE
(Former Univ. of Texas
Pitcher)
Nogales, Son., Mex.

Grateful Allegheny

EDITOR:

Congratulations on Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Digest.

It should be mighty good for college ball, and thanks for the mention of Allegheny and Bob Garbark in the pre-season round-up story.

ROBERT L. MURPHY
Director of Public
Information
Allegheny College
Meadville, Penn.

Hungry Subscriber

EDITOR:

Congratulations on flamboyant birth of Collegiate Baseball Digest. Format is sharp; content excellent. We're now hungry for issue No. 2.

Best regards.

PAT HOGAN
Sports Publicity
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Fla.

When They Played The First Game

(Continued from Page 3)
from the report of the Adams Transcript.

Mr. Beecher certainly threw a swift, strong ball, but as he was suffering from a lame shoulder, he did not attain his customary success. Many of his balls were too high to be caught, and gained many tallies for Amherst, in passing over.

Mr. Hyde threw every ball at the beck of the catcher, with a precision and strength which was remarkable—more faultless and scientific throwing we have never seen.

THE CATCHING on the part of Amherst was undoubtedly much superior, no balls were allowed to pass the catcher which were within his reach, very few

Amherst Wins!

The box score of baseball's first collegiate game:

AMHERST CLUB			
Players	Tallies	Outs	
Clafin, catcher	7	0	2
Pierce	5	2	
Starrs	7	1	
Tower	7	1	
Cushman	4	3	
Evans	5	4	
Fenn	5	0	
Hyde, thrower	4	3	
Leach	6	0	
Reagan	5	4	
Gridley	7	2	
Pratt	7	2	
Tomson	6	2	
Total	73		

WILLIAMS CLUB			
Players	Tallies	Outs	
Parker	0	4	
Fitch	0	5	
Blagden	1	5	
Simmons	4	1	
Brown	3	3	
Hastings	4	1	
Quick	3	1	
Pratt	2	2	
Knox	4	0	
Bush	4	1	
Becher, thrower	3	2	
Nichols	2	0	
Anderson, catcher	2	1	
Total	32		

allowed to drop which he had once touched. He missed but one ticked ball in the course of the game, which is a great feat when the striking is as quick and strong as was that of Williams. It was a fine display of muscle and nerve. More than all, Amherst took the lead by its perfect, military discipline. All was done with the accuracy of clockwork. The Amherst captain governed his

Tips From

The Coaching Box

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The second article in this special feature is written by a veteran collegiate coach and former major league playing star. Charley Gelbert, former shortstop of the St. Louis Cardinals, begins his 13th straight year as Lafayette College baseball coach. Gelbert was the regular shortstop for the St. Louis Cardinals' team which won the 1930 National League pennant and the 1931 World's championship.

(Gelbert's Lafayette teams have won three NCAA District Two playoffs and twice appeared in the College World Series at Omaha. He owns an outstanding won-lost record of 179-81 at Lafayette.)

By CHARLEY GELBERT
Lafayette College

A good shortstop must have a strong arm and be able to throw from any position. His toughest play is going to his right and fielding the ball hit in the hole between 2nd and 3rd where he is going away from the play, fielding the ball (usually on the grass), coming to a stop turning, taking



CHARLEY GELBERT

action and ability to change his mind at a split second according to how hard or how easy the ball is hit. You must be in proper balance so you can go to your right or left or in on the ball.

You must be up on the step and having his ball carry to 1st base and throwing out the runner. Lots of close ball games are lost because the shortstop can't make this play at the crucial time.

ANY INFIELDER, to be a good fielder, must have a good pair of hands, good re-

balls of your feet with hands and arms used to balance your body so you can get a jump on the ball—you should always be in the right position according to the play situation, so you are not moving to get into position as the play occurs. (Example: Moving toward 2nd base when a hit and run situation occurs.)

Always try to field a ball out in front of you with your two hands as near to the ground as possible. As you field the ball try to bring your hands back toward your body so if the ball takes a bad hop you will still be able to get the ball or at least you will knock it down in front of you so you can recover and still throw a man out.

ALL PLAYERS should know exactly what they are going to do with the ball if it is hit to them and have the ability to change their minds in a split second if the ball is fumbled, hit slow, hit hard or for any other reason that may arise. You should figure that every ball hit will be hit to you so you will be ready for any play.

Summing up tips for shortstops:

Strong arm, good pair of hands, quick reflexes, speed, courage, quick thinker and a lot of hustle.

The great play of Johnny Logan in the last World Series (Milwaukee vs. New York Yankees) demonstrates more than words can tell, the value of a good shortstop. He made so many fine plays at crucial times, that one miscue could have turned the tide in any one of the close games that were played.

If I were to vote for the most valuable player in the last World Series, my choice would have been Johnny Logan.

men with great skill.

There were not half a dozen bad plays, on that side, in the course of the game. On the whole, it was the confession of the Pittsfield and Williams clubs, that they had never seen so fine amateur playing.

THE GENEROUS dinner given by the Pittsfield Base Ball Club to the contestants of the match was honorable to their hospitality, and agreeable to all parties. Mr. Plunkett, the President, presided with very pleasant dignity, he alluded to the fact that the Pittsfield Club had originally proposed to play a match with the victors, which was rendered impossible by the difference in the games which the clubs are accustomed to play, as Pittsfield uses the New York rules. He expressed some satisfaction as a player in Pittsfield, that the match was thus found to be impracticable, and congratulated both parties on the excellence

of their playing.

Mr. Clafin, the Amherst captain, spoke very pleasantly of the game of ball in its history, and its own value. He paid a just tribute to the department of the players for Williams, and promised that the ball won that day should be kept and honored.

Mr. Nichols made a manly acknowledgment of the superior playing of the Amherst party, and paid a valuable tribute to the conduct of its representatives. He also promised that the game should be cultivated still further at Williams College, with a very decided intimation of the possibility of another match.

Messrs. Anderson and Beecher from Williams, Hyde and Smith from Amherst spoke in terms of welcome and congratulations. The meeting was characterized by good feeling, and kind fellowship. Other brief addresses and college songs closed the entertainment.

Highlights of '58 AACBC Convention

Timm Directs AACBC In '58

(Continued from Page 1)

Philadelphia Bulletin and best collegiate baseball writing awards of the AACBC went to John J. Leary Jr., New Haven, Conn., Register; Dick Herbert, Raleigh, N.C., News & Observer; Chris Cramer, Charlottesville, Va., Daily Progress and Bert Bertine, Champaign, Ill., Courier.

The awards, \$100 in cash and plaques, were established in memory of Charles Reilly, late sports editor of the Easton, Pa., Press, a longtime supporter of college baseball.

Twenty-five year coaching awards went to L. S. Honaker, Maryville, Tenn., College; Dr. L. C. (Pete) Butler, Colorado State College and Lou A. Alexander Sr., Rochester University.

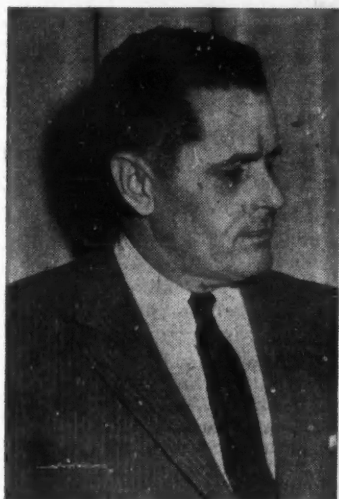
At the business meeting of the convention the collegiate coaches—some 200—stood in a moment of silence for the memory of the late Jelly SoRelle of Baylor and Homer Thompson, Coca-Cola executive.

The AACBC adopted a new con-



FOUNDERS GET TOGETHER—Ten of the original founders of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches gathered in Philadelphia on Jan. 3 for the annual convention. A group of 22 men had formed the AACBC in 1945. Pictured here left to right are Max Bishop, Navy; Paul Amen, Wake Forest; Dan Jessee, Trinity (Conn.); and Howard

Hobson, Yale. Bottom row left to right are John Kobs, Michigan State; William McCarthy, NYU; Everett D. Barnes, Colgate; George K. James, Cornell; F. Joseph Bedenk, Penn State; Jack Coffey of Fordham missed the picture-taking.



JIM FISH

stitution which was prepared under the direction of Henry Robinson of Mississippi College.

The convention also reaffirmed support of President Eisenhower's physical fitness program.

AACBC Selects New Committees

Committee appointments announced by Timm are as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Raoul Dedeaux, USC, chairman; Archie Allen, Springfield College; F. Joseph Bedenk, Penn State; Danny Litwhiler, Florida State; Clarence J. Kline, Notre Dame; William D. Sharpe, Nebraska; J. O. Morgan, Rice Institute; Glen R. Daniel, Wyoming; George Wolfman, California; J. A. Tomlinson, Arkansas State.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

J. Kyle Anderson, Chicago, chairman; Paul Eckley, Amherst; Frank O'Hara, Colgate; Gene Hooks, Wake Forest; Robert Wren, Ohio University; Harold Kraft, North Dakota; Frank Sancel, Arizona; Glen R. Daniel, Wyoming; Donald Kirsch, Oregon.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Marty Karow, Ohio State, chairman; Lee Eilbracht, Illinois; Jess W. Falkinstein, Kentucky; Robert Wren, Ohio University; Edward Jucker, Cincinnati.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Wayne McCormell, The Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta, Ga., chairman; Ted Banks, Athletic Institute, Chicago; Cy Plattes, General Mills, Minneapolis; C. E. (Pete) Collett, The Mentor Magazine, Arlington, Tex.; Abe Chanin, Collegiate Baseball Digest, Tucson, Ariz.

AACBC RULES COMMITTEE

Archie Allen, Springfield College, chairman; F. Joseph Bedenk, Penn State; Ethan Allen, Yale; Thomas F. Johnson, Howard University; Ray Wauthier, Kansas State; Emory Bauer, Valparaiso; Lovette Hill, Houston; Peter J. Beiden, Fresno State.

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Everett D. Barnes, Colgate, chairman; Richard Siebert, Minnesota; F. Joseph Bedenk, Penn State; J. O. Christian, Connecticut; Ethan Allen, Yale; John Kobs, Michigan State; Floyd Temple, Kansas; Walter Byers, executive secretary, NCAA, Kansas City.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ralph O. Coleman, Oregon State, chairman; Stanley Robinson, Mississippi College; Leo Schroll, Bradley University.

NCAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE

John H. Kobs, Michigan State, chairman; Paul Eckley, Amherst; William V. McCarthy, New York University; James Whalley, Georgia; Charles Maher, Western Michigan; John Simmons, Missouri; J. O. Morgan, Rice; Glen R. Daniel, Wyoming; Raoul Dedeaux, USC.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Arthur Mansfield, Wisconsin, chairman; Glen Abe Martin, Southern Illinois College; Jess W. Falkinstein, Kentucky College.

COACHING CLINIC COMMITTEE

J. O. Christian, Connecticut, chairman; Tom Swayze, Mississippi; Richard Siebert, Minnesota; Jack Bear, Oklahoma; Harold Raymond,

Dates Announced For World Series

The 12th annual College World Series will be played June 13-18 at Omaha, announces John H. Kobs, Michigan State baseball coach and NCAA tournament committee chairman.

In the past the College World Series has opened with four games. But Kobs said the tourney will open with a single game Friday night, June 13.

Three games will be played during the second round Saturday and four games Sunday.

The tournament will be double elimination and the teams playing in the opening game will be picked by a draw.

The NCAA Baseball Championship provides for a starting field of 22 to 32 teams, with 12 of the teams qualifying automatically as conference champions and the remainder selected as at-large entrants. Winners of eight district tournaments will qualify for the double elimination finals at Omaha.

Kobs announced that A. J. Lewandowski of the University of Nebraska will be tournament director. Everett D. Barnes, athletic director of Colgate, serves on the tournament committee with Kobs and Lewandowski.

The University of Arizona is the only school to send teams to Omaha and the College World Series for three straight years.

Delaware; Leo Miller, University of Illinois (Chicago Branch).

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Earl Lorden, Massachusetts, chairman; Charles Maher, Western Michigan; James Whalley, Georgia; David Busey, Lyncoming College; T. E. (Tohy) Green, Oklahoma State University; Melvin C. Erickson, Arizona State College at Tempe; L. C. (Pete) Butler, Colorado State College; Charles M. Melick, College of Pacific.

AACBC OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Everett D. Barnes, Colgate, chairman; James Whalley, Georgia; Robert W. Smith, Clemson; John H. Kobs, Michigan State; John Simmons, Missouri; J. F. McKale, University of Arizona; Glen R. Daniel, Wyoming; Raoul Dedeaux, USC.

COACH-OF-THE-YEAR COMMITTEE

J. Kyle Anderson, Chicago, chairman; Max Bishop, U.S. Naval Academy; John H. Kobs, Michigan State; Raoul Dedeaux, USC.

ALL-AMERICAN COMMITTEE

Marty Karow, Ohio State, chairman; LeRoy C. Timm, Iowa State College; J. O. Christian, Connecticut.

NEWSPAPER AWARDS COMMITTEE

Abe Chanin, Collegiate Baseball Digest, chairman; Rev. E. C. Williams, S.J., Creighton University; C. E. (Pete) Collett, The Mentor.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Otto H. Vogel, Iowa, chairman; William Fehring, Stanford; Frank Prentup, Colorado.

Ralph O. Coleman, Oregon State, chairman; Ethan Allen, Yale; J. A. Tomlinson, Arkansas State.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS—Joseph Truske, Wayne State.



COACH-OF-THE-YEAR—George Wolfman, who coached California to the 1957 World Series, received the Coach-of-the-Year award at the convention. The award was presented by Zipp Newman (left) sports editor of the Birmingham, Ala., News and Robert Hanna (right), president of The Hanna Mfg. Co.



CLINIC EXPERTS—One of the highlights of the 1958 AACBC convention was the clinic program staged by Rod Dedeaux (center), head coach of the University of Southern California. Included on the clinic program were talks and demonstrations by two famed ex-major league stars, Rip Collins (left), Cardinal's first base star and Lefty Gomez (right), Yankees' pitching great.

Pro Leaders See End To 'Battle'

Leaders of professional baseball are hopeful for a speedy settlement of their differences with collegiate baseball.

In exclusive dispatches to COLLEGIATE BASEBALL DIGEST Ford Frick, commissioner of professional baseball, and Warren C. Giles, president of the National League, both expressed their wishes that a solution be found.

THERE HAS been a running dispute between collegiate and professional baseball ever since the major leagues scrapped a non-raiding agreement. At present no agreement exists as does between pro and collegiate football.

In congratulating the DIGEST on its publication Commissioner Frick wrote: "As an individual I am aware of the good that can be done by collegiate baseball coaches, both through hard work and the good influence and advice which they make available to young men. I will always have such very pleasant memories of both Jack Grim and Joe Casey, under whom I played at De Pauw."

"As Commissioner of Baseball, I am only too aware that there are differences between collegiate and professional baseball at this time. I do not, however, feel that these differences are irreparable. I hope, and I believe, that a fair amount of give-and-take by both groups will bring them closer together."

"Again, may I extend my warmest good wishes to both this new publication, and the group that it represents."

GILES OFFERED best wishes from the National League to the DIGEST and said: "We in the National League recognize the fine work the college coaches are doing with the students who participate in the college baseball program."

"Though college baseball is an amateur sport (as it should be) and ours is a professional sport, I am confident that the small natural differences which exist can be worked out and then the relationship between collegiate and professional baseball will be even more harmonious as time goes by."

"Again, the very best of luck to the COLLEGIATE BASEBALL DIGEST."

Texas has played the most games in the College World Series . . . 19 in 7 years.



COLLEGE BASEBALL LEADERS—Officers elected to lead the American Association of College Baseball Coaches are pictured here. Top row left to right are Rod Dedeaux, USC, first vice-president; J. O. Christian, Connecticut, second vice-president and Walter Rabb, North Carolina, third vice-president. Bottom row left to right are J. A. Tomlinson, Arkansas State, outgoing president; L. C. (Cap) Timm, Iowa State College, new president and J. Kyle Anderson, University of Chicago, secretary-treasurer.

Co-Champion Indiana State Strong Again

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Indiana State's Sycamores, co-champions of the tough Indiana College Conference last season, figure to be tough again in 1958.

Coach Paul Wolf, beginning his third year as Indiana State College head coach, loses only three players from last season's team. The Sycamores lost only to Butler, DePauw and Valparaiso in their 10-game conference schedule.

INDIANA STATE clinched a share of the conference title in the final game of the season in a down-to-the-wire finish. The Sycamores were matched with league-leading DePauw in that final game and Henry Smith, now graduated, pitched a brilliant three-hit, 2-0 shutout. Indiana State might have won the undisputed title except that a game with the co-champs, Evansville, was rained out. Earlier in the season Indiana State had defeated the Evansville Aces.

Smith tied up with Purdue in Indiana State's highlight game of the year. Purdue was undefeated coming into the game. Smith shutout the Boilermakers of the Big Ten without a hit for seven innings and Indiana State held a 2-0 lead.

BUT THE DARKNESS was falling and the umpires said the game would be played until the bottom of the 8th and then would be called.

In the eighth the Boilermakers

Ohio U. Short On Playing Vets

By ROWLAND C. CONGDON

ATHENS, O.—Coach Bob Wren's biggest task in readying for the 1958 baseball season at Ohio University will be in molding a pitching staff.

Five pitchers were graduated after the 1957 season to put a severe dent in a department highly important in college baseball success.

ALSO MISSING from the squad will be four outfielders, three infielders and a catcher. But Bobcat baseball followers have confidence in Wren's ability to develop strength where he needs it.

Again OU will prepare for its Mid-American Conference season with a spring training trip through the South.

Returning to form the nucleus of the 1958 squad are Captain Frank Caruso, shortstop-second baseman who hit .354 in 19

games last season; First baseman Al Walton, who slumped to .169 after hitting .306 his sophomore year, but who is a real power hitter; Third baseman Jim Bowen, a .277 hitter last season who was the team's leading slugger with eight extra base hits and 14 RBI's before being beamed and missing the final six games of the season. He may be converted to the pitching corps because of his strong throwing arm, Wren said.

MICKEY URBAN, a junior left hander, and Duane Baker, senior righthander, will form the nucleus of the pitching staff. Baker had a 1.9 ERA in seven games and a 3-0 record while Urban, though bothered by a sore arm, had a 3-1 record and 2.2 ERA in nine games.

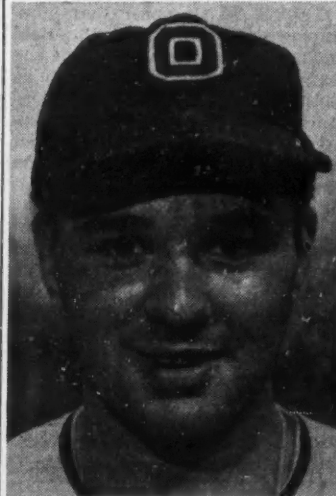
Coach Wren is a former professional baseball player with the old Toledo Mudhens of the American Association.

In nine seasons at Ohio University, Wren has compiled a win-loss record of 157-65. During his tenure, the Bobcats have participated in five NCAA post-season tournaments and have won the Mid-American Conference championship four times.

Last year's squad lost two early season games to eventual conference champion Western Michigan before going on to compile a 20-5 season record. The final 14 victories came in a row.

THE YEAR before Ohio had a 20-7 mark after losing a pair to eventual national champion Minnesota in the District 4 playoffs of the NCAA tournament.

Wren learned his baseball fundamentals on the sandlots of Cleveland's East Side where he grew up. However, he attributes much of his diamond strategy to the teaching of Don Peden when Wren played for the Bobcats during the early 1940s. Peden was baseball coach at Ohio U. for more than 20 years. Wren succeeded him as coach in 1949.



FRANK CARUSO

cut loose with two hits, took advantage of an Indiana State error and tied the game 2-2. The game ended that way and it's in the book as a tie, but for Indiana State it was the morale booster that helped the Sycamores tie for the ICC championship.



EYE GLASS HOLDER

PLAY BALL and stop worrying about eye glasses falling off and breaking. \$1.00 EACH at Sports Shops, or write

SERON MFG. CO.

BAERER BLDG.

JOLIET, ILL.

BASEBALL SCHOOL IN FLORIDA — 3 SESSIONS
Jan 10-Feb. 7 — Feb. 9-Mar. 9
Mar. 11-Apr. 8
Major League Instruction
Write **BILL VIBRON**
FLORIDA BASEBALL SCHOOL
P. O. Box 1903 C.D., Tampa, Fla.



Order Yours Now!

The First Printing
of the New

**Collegiate Baseball Guide
For 1958**

Published by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau
and the

American Association of College Baseball Coaches

Order Your Copy From:

J. Kyle Anderson
University of Chicago
5640 University Ave.
Chicago 37, Ill.

— CLIP and MAIL —

Enclosed find check for \$..... for

.....copies of the Official Baseball Guide
(Number)

NAME:

Firm or School:

Address:

City:

(NOTE: 85c per copy for more than 10 copies

\$1 each for less than 10 copies)

**America's Only
Baseball Specialist**

**On Clothing:
UNIFORMS
CAPS &
UNDERSHIRTS**

Write for Brochure

**TIM McAULIFFE
Inc.**

Quality Athletic Equipment

24 Lincoln St.

Boston, Mass.



ACTION IN FLORIDA—Rollins College of Winter Park, Fla., claims to have more collegiate games played on its campus than any other school. This picture was taken last year as Alabama All-American

Fred Frickie takes a classic swing. The catcher is Boyd Coffie of Rollins. Frickie since has signed with the Cleveland Indians.

Florida School Lays Claim To Having Most College Games Played On Its Campus

WINTER PARK, Fla.—Rollins College, a Florida school with only 650 students, claims to host more games on its campus than any other college or university in the country.

Joe Justice, Rollins' driving coach, challenges anyone to match his school's record of having 42 games this season on campus. In all Rollins will play 37 games one of the biggest collegiate schedules in the nation. Rollins opens its schedule March 20. But games played by the Rollins team and on the Rollins campus will number 42, including tournament games.

AMONG THE strongest teams that will be playing at Harper-Shepherd Field in Winter Park, Florida, will be Amherst, Ohio State, University of Michigan, the University of North Carolina, Bradley University, Duke University and the University of Florida. A total of fifteen teams will visit the Rollins campus this season.

The Tars themselves display an impressive record. In 1954 they were finalists in the College World Series played annually at Omaha, Nebraska. In the final round they were beaten by the University of Missouri, a team they had previously defeated 4-1 in the second round of the double elimination tournament of the NCAA.

In the spring of last year, Rollins was runner-up to Sul Ross College in the first NAIA tournament at Alpine, Texas. They were defeated by the host college 8-7.

Rollins is the only college or university to be a finalist in both the NAIA and the NCAA competition.

THE INDIVIDUAL records of the Tar players are remarkable for so small a college. Just last season three players were signed to major league clubs: Elmer Lott, Cincinnati Reds, Stover McIlwain, Chicago White Sox, and Al Fan-

tuzzi, Brooklyn Dodgers. Before them Nick Vancho ('56) joined the Milwaukee Braves and led their farm team in hitting in the Nebraska State League, and Clyde Stevens ('50) signed with the New York Giants farm team in Jacksonville.

In addition to these men, John Gray ('50) signed with the New York Yankees, moved to the Philadelphia Athletics, went on to Kansas City and the Cleveland Indians and is now playing with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Since the sport was resumed on this southern campus in 1947 following the war, the team has had only one losing season in eleven.

The record and the claims of Rollins may seem insignificant in comparison with other colleges; but they seem amazing when it is taken into consideration that Rollins has an enrollment of less than 350 male students and has competed against such powerful baseball nines as Alabama, Duke, Yale, Clemson, Florida, Georgia Tech., Georgia, Ohio, Michigan State and North Carolina.

Bibb Falk, head baseball coach at Texas U, had a lifetime batting average of .312 during his eleven seasons in major league baseball.

Seton Hall had 22 double plays in 11 games during the 1957 season.



The Ultimate In League Baseballs

The performance and durability of a ball lie in the quality of its components. WORTH is wound with virgin wool from our own mill, the cover, 42% tougher, cut from select horsehide produced in our own tannery. Its performance is the finest, durability unmatched.

The Lannom Manufacturing Co.

Tullahoma, Tenn.

Obituaries

Members of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches attending the national convention in Philadelphia stood in silent devotion to the memory of the late Boyd (Jelly) SoRelle and Homer Thompson.

Mr. Thompson, national representative for the Coca-Cola company, was a long-time friend of collegiate baseball. His obituary was carried in the first issue of the Collegiate Baseball Digest.

SoRELLE

Mr. SoRelle, baseball coach of Baylor University, died suddenly Dec. 7 of a heart attack at his home in Waco. He was 45 years old. In his student days at Baylor he had captained baseball and basketball teams in 1937 and in 1954 became baseball coach.

Following his graduation from Baylor, Mr. SoRelle was signed by the Chicago White Sox and played professional ball for 13 years, mostly with Toledo, Dallas and San Antonio. He also was general manager of the Del Rio and Laredo, Tex., baseball clubs.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Barbara; his mother, Mrs. C. F. SoRelle of Houston; two brothers and three sisters.

Fiberglass Repair Kit For Athletic Equipment

Repair Broken Practice Bats And Protect New Bats Against Breakage. Weight added is negligible—no "sting"—provides "sure" grip. This "stronger-than-steel" repair and protective method is permanent, time saving, economical, and easily applied.

KITS PRICED AT \$8.75 & \$14.00

Order From

Baer Reinforced Plastic Products

211 South Barnard St. State College, Pa.

... in the next issue of the DIGEST
Alabama's Near-Tragic Trip to Japan

College Baseball's MVP—
Cal Emery of Penn State

Baseball In The Cactus Country Is
Long and Strong

The 2nd Base Coach—J. F. McKale's
Sharp-Tongued Column

Iowa's Otto Vogel Gives Timely
Tips on Baseball.

For Top Fielding Performance!
MacGregor



RED SCHOENDIENST

Popular second baseman and one of the many professionals who use MacGregor Sports Equipment.

FIELDERS' GLOVES ARE MY CHOICE





SIGN OF GOOD TASTE